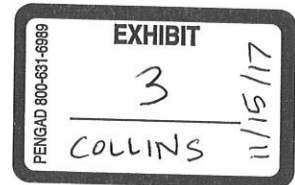


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**



Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Circuit Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat # 1

1. Name: Mrs. Lisa G. Collins

Name that you are known by if different from above

(Example: A Nickname): No nicknames, but I do have former names by which I have been known:

Lisa Simone Godwin (Maiden Name used from April 20, 1962 to November 28, 1986)

Lisa G. (Godwin) Jefferson (Name from former marriage. I used this name from November 28, 1986 to July 24, 1999 when I married Harry P. Collins.)

Are you currently serving in some capacity as a judge? Not at this time
(Includes Municipal, Magistrate, Etc.)

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Business Address: Office of the Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, P.O. Box 607, 104 North Main Street, Lancaster, S.C. 29721

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone Number: (home): [REDACTED]
(office): 803-416-9478 (direct)
(cell): [REDACTED]

2. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1962
Place of Birth: Kingstree, South Carolina
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes. I have resided in South Carolina my entire life except for 2 months during the summer of 1983 when I worked a summer job at Kanuga Conference Center in North Carolina.

4. SCDL# or SCHD#: SCDL # [REDACTED]
Voter Registration Number: SC Voter Registration Number [REDACTED] (York County – Oakwood Precinct)

5. Family Status: In the space below, (a) state whether you are single, married, widowed, divorced, or separated; (b) if married, state the date of your marriage and your spouse's full name; (c) if you have ever been divorced or are in the process of obtaining a divorce, state the date, name of the moving party, court, and grounds; and (d) state the names of your

children and their ages. If your children are old enough to work, include the occupation of each child.

Family Status: Married on July 24, 1999 to Harry P. Collins.

Never divorced from Harry Collins, one child.

Previous Family Status (prior to current marriage): Divorced.

Divorced on December 9, 1992, Richland Co., S.C. Family Court, Paul Manning Jefferson was moving party, One Year's Continuous Separation.

No children.

6. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates, branch of service, highest rank attained, serial number (if applicable), present status, and the character of your discharge or release. Please provide a copy of your DD214 concerning your discharge.
Answer: No, I have never served in the military.
7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.
 - (a) Erskine College, Due West, S.C. – August 1979 through May 1983 – Bachelor of Arts in English and Psychology (double-major); GPA: 3.94; Class Standing: 4th of 107 graduates in graduating class; summa cum laude graduate.
 - (b) University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, S.C. - August 1983 through May 1986. - Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree; GPA: 3.43; Class Standing: 15th of 204 graduates in graduating class.
8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.
 - (a) South Carolina – admitted to practice law in South Carolina in November of 1986.
I have only taken the bar exam in South Carolina. I took the bar exam once in S.C.
9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at law school. Give the years you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.
 - (a) Law Review (1984-1986), U.S.C. School of Law
 - (b) Moot Court Bar (1985-1986), U.S.C. School of Law
 - (c) Craven Moot Court Team (1985-1986), U.S.C. School of Law
 - (d) Order of the Wig and Robe Academic Honor Society(1985-1986), U.S.C. School of Law
 - (e) Order of the Coif Academic Honor Society (1986), U.S.C. School of Law
 - (f) Recipient of American Jurisprudence Award for Civil Procedure, Spring 1984, U.S.C. School of Law
10. Provide, as a separate attachment, your continuing legal or judicial education report from the past five years.
The requested C.L.E. reports have been attached.

11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs? If so, briefly describe each course or lecture.
- (a) I made a presentation on the topic of “Discovery Requirements under case law including Brady and Edwards” to lawyers attending a CLE Seminar in 2002.
 - (b) I made a presentation on the topic of “Fifth and Sixth Amendment Update – A Review of the South Carolina Appellate Court Cases issued in 1999 involving issues relating to Right to Counsel, Right to Self-Representation and Confessions” to lawyers attending the Ninth Annual Presentation of Criminal Practice in S.C. on Nov. 19, 1999.
 - (c) I made a presentation to college students at Winthrop University on the topic of “Ethics in Leadership” on April 11, 1999. The students were members of a Political Science class of honor students.
 - (d) I made a presentation on the topic of “Defending Criminal Sexual Conduct Cases – Views of a Former Prosecutor” to lawyers attending the 1999 S.C. Public Defender’s Association Annual Conference.
 - (e) I made a presentation on the topic of “Victim’s Rights – A Review of New Constitutional and Statutory Provisions Concerning the Rights of Crime Victims” at the 1997 Criminal Practice in South Carolina CLE seminar.
 - (f) I made a presentation on the topic of the correct procedure for the presentation of Guilty Pleas before the Circuit Court to lawyers attending the 1997 S.C. Solicitor’s Annual Conference.
 - (g) I made a presentation regarding “Hearsay – The Hearsay Evidence Rule and Exceptions” to lawyers attending the 1996 S.C. CLE Seminar on Trial Practice Tune-Ups.
 - (h) I made a presentation on the topic of recent case law concerning criminal sexual conduct cases in South Carolina to lawyers attending a 1993 CLE Seminar entitled “Sexual Assault Seminar: For the Prosecutor”.
 - (i) While I was an Assistant Attorney General for South Carolina, I made a presentation on the topic of the rules of evidence regarding impeachment of witnesses to lawyers attending a CLE seminar at the University of South Carolina School of Law in Columbia, S.C. in 1991 or 1992 (I was not able to confirm the exact date of this seminar).
 - (j) In addition, while an Assistant Solicitor in York County, S.C. from 2002 through 2013, I made numerous presentations to groups of law enforcement officers for formal officer training regarding the following topics: Ethics (Rock Hill Police Department); Preparation for Court (Fort Mill Police Department); Preparation to Testify in Court (K-9 Officers Training at Kings Mountain State Park); Investigation of Child Neglect Cases (at Law Enforcement Training Center at Worthy Boys Camp in Rock Hill); Investigation of Criminal Sexual Conduct Cases for Successful Prosecution (presentation to nurses attending a training to become Forensic Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners); and Investigation of Criminal Sexual Conduct Cases (Rock Hill Police Department).
 - (k) From 1995 through 1999, I served as attorney coach for students at Rock Hill High School for the Mock Trial Team. Harry Dest, Circuit Public Defender for York County, and I coached this team together. During this time, Harry and I made numerous presentations to the student team members at Rock Hill High School concerning the rules of evidence and trial practice strategy and procedure.

12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each. Please furnish as a separate attachment, two examples of legal articles, briefs, orders, or other legal writings for which you can claim sole or primary authorship. If you cannot claim sole authorship, please explain the extent to which you are the primary author, to include a description of the other authors and their contributions.
- (a) South Carolina Law Review Annual Survey of South Carolina Law, Volume 37 (Autumn, 1985 #1), Student Author of Article "Action for Feticide Recognized"; Criminal Law Section, Section III, pages 79-81.
 - (b) South Carolina Law Review Annual Survey of South Carolina Law, Volume 37 (Autumn, 1985 #1), Student Author of Article "Common Law Necessities Doctrine Affirmed and Expanded"; Domestic Law Section, Section V, pages 105-108.
 - (c) South Carolina Law Review Annual Survey of South Carolina Law, Volume 37 (Autumn, 1985 #1), Student Author of Article "Child Custody Jurisdiction Subject to Federal Statute"; Domestic Law Section, Section XII, pages 131-134.
 - (d) Fifth and Sixth Amendment Update – A Review of the South Carolina Appellate Court Cases issued in 1999 involving issues relating to Right to Counsel, Right to Self-Representation and Confessions (SC Bar CLE 1999 CLE Materials – Ninth Annual Presentation on Criminal Practice in S.C.).
 - (e) Defending Criminal Sexual Conduct Cases – Views of a Former Prosecutor (CLE Seminar Materials for the S.C. Public Defender's Association Annual Conference in 1999).
 - (f) The Correct Procedure for Presentation of Guilty Pleas before the Circuit Courts of S.C. (CLE Seminar Materials for the S.C. Solicitor's Annual Conference in 1997).

I have attached two examples of legal briefs for which I can claim sole authorship.

13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.
- (a) South Carolina, 1986;
 - (b) US District Court for the District of SC, 1987 to 2011 (withdrew in 2011).
14. Describe chronologically, since graduation from law school, your legal experience. Please include a list of all positions held in which you worked in a legal capacity. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years. Please also describe the extent to which you were involved with the administrative and financial management of each of these entities, including management of trust accounts.
- (a) Upon my graduation from law school, I worked as an insurance defense attorney with a private law firm, defending lawsuits in civil court in the Circuit Courts of South Carolina (1986-1988). At the request of one of the senior partners, I also represented a plaintiff in a "slip and fall" personal injury case. I then served as General Counsel for a State Agency, representing the Agency in third-party intervention actions in Family Courts throughout South Carolina to ensure the rights of children in foster care were being met (1988-1991). I then worked for the Office of the Attorney General, representing the State of South Carolina in defending collateral attacks of convictions of criminal defendants (1991-1993). In this

capacity, I handled hundreds of Post-Conviction Relief hearings in Civil “Non-Jury” Circuit Court throughout South Carolina. I also personally handled all of the appeals from these hearings which were filed with the S.C. Supreme Court, which entailed in-depth legal research, the preparation of appellate briefs and the presentation of oral arguments as scheduled before the Supreme Court. I had the honor of representing the State in oral arguments twice before the S.C. Supreme Court with a successful result in both cases. Thereafter, I served as a prosecutor for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit (1993-1998), Deputy Public Defender for York County (1998-2001), and an Assistant Municipal Judge (2002). I returned to the prosecution of criminal cases for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit for eleven years (2002-2013). I retired from this position and subsequently became the Chief Municipal Judge for the Fort Mill Municipal Court, presiding over misdemeanor criminal cases (2013-2014). Since January of 2015, I have served as the Chief Deputy Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, primarily serving Lancaster County; in this position I prosecute all of the pending Murder cases in Lancaster County in addition to other serious felony cases as needed. I also supervise the prosecution of all other cases in Lancaster County by the Assistant Solicitors in our office.

(b) List of all legal positions I have held in which I worked in a legal capacity:

(a) Law Clerk for the South Carolina State Board of Medical and Dental Examiners, Columbia, S.C. (May 1984 – April 1986). I was not involved with the administrative and financial management of this State Agency.

(b) Associate Attorney with the private law firm (civil cases – insurance defense) of Rainey, Britton, Gibbes & Clarkson in Greenville, S.C. (August 1986 – May 1988). (This law firm has changed and is now known as the Greenville law firm of Gallivan, White & Boyd.) As an Associate Attorney, I was not involved with the administrative and financial management of this law firm, and I was not involved with the management of trust accounts for this firm.

(c) General Counsel for the S.C. Children’s Foster Care Review Board System, a State Agency based in Columbia, S.C. (May 1988 – February 1991). I provided legal representation in family court cases throughout the State of S.C. for this State Agency and for 32 Local Review Boards comprised of citizen volunteers appointed by the Governor. The role of this “watchdog” agency is to ensure that children in foster care receive court-ordered services. I also served as Chief Personnel Officer and Affirmative Action Officer for the Agency. However, I was not involved with financial management of this State Agency.

(d) Assistant Attorney General for the State of South Carolina; Office of the Attorney General, Columbia, S.C. (February 1991 – April 1993). I represented the State of South Carolina in Circuit Courts throughout the State of South Carolina as well as before the South Carolina Supreme Court, in regard to Post-Conviction Relief (PCR) proceedings. I researched and prepared legal briefs, pleadings, motions and proposed Orders for presiding Judges in regard to PCR hearings at the Circuit Court level. I was assigned to cover PCR proceedings in the Circuit Court (Civil/Common Pleas – Non-Jury hearings) for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit (York and Union counties), the Ninth Judicial Circuit (Charleston and Berkeley counties), the Tenth Judicial Circuit (Anderson and Oconee counties), and I also briefly covered the Second Judicial Circuit (Aiken, Barnwell and Bamberg counties) and the Sixth Judicial Circuit (Lancaster, Chester and Fairfield counties). I also handled the appeals from all of these proceedings, which required legal research and the preparation of

appellate briefs for the South Carolina Supreme Court. On two occasions, I presented oral arguments before the South Carolina Supreme Court in appealed cases. I was responsible for a heavy caseload of criminal post-conviction relief cases. Near the end of my employment with the Attorney General's office, I also assumed responsibility for prosecution of attorney grievance complaints. I was not involved with the administrative and financial management of this State Agency.

(e) Assistant Solicitor/Assistant Deputy Solicitor for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit (primarily York County as well as some cases in Union County). (April 1993 – March 1998). I represented the State of South Carolina and prosecuted criminal cases at the Circuit Court level in York County and Union County. As an Assistant Deputy Solicitor, I was involved in the administration of the office as requested by the Chief Solicitor and the Deputy Solicitor. However, I was not involved in the financial management of the office.

(f) Deputy Public Defender for York County (March 1998 – December 2001). I assisted the Chief Public Defender in the administration of the York County Public Defender's Office, including direct supervision of attorneys employed as Assistant Public Defenders and all office staff. I provided legal representation to indigent persons charged with criminal violations in Circuit Court, as appointed by the Court and as assigned by the Chief Public Defender. I assisted the Chief Public Defender in all aspects of office administration including decisions regarding personnel assignments, personnel hiring, education and training, and some office financial decisions. However, I was not involved with the actual financial management of this office.

(g) Part-time Assistant Municipal Judge for the City of Rock Hill, S.C. (April 2002 – July 2002). As assigned by the Chief Municipal Judge, I presided over jury trials, bench trials, plea hearings, and ordinance violation hearings. (I served in this position on a part-time basis while I stayed at home with my baby daughter.) I was not involved in the administration of the Municipal Court or the financial management of the Municipal Court.

(h) Assistant Solicitor for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit (York County) (July 2002 to June, 2013 (retired December 2012 and returned to work December 2012 until June 2013). I represented the State of South Carolina and prosecuted criminal cases at the Circuit Court level in York County. I was not involved with the administration or the financial management of the office during this time period.

(i) Chief Municipal Judge for the Fort Mill Municipal Court (Fort Mill, S.C. – located in York County, S.C.) (December 2013 through December 2014). As Chief Municipal Judge, I presided over jury trials as scheduled, bench trials, plea hearings, ordinance violation hearings and bond hearings. I was responsible for the administration of the Municipal Court. I had limited involvement with the financial management of the Municipal Court in acceptance of some bond payments if the Clerk of Court was not available. I would receive the bond payment, issue a receipt, seal the payment in an envelope with a copy of the ticket/warrant, and place the envelope in a secure locked safe until the Clerk of Court could receive it. I always made sure that another staff member witnessed this full process. However, the Clerk of Court who served the Municipal Court in the collection and management of fines and bond payments answered directly to the City Manager. I did not collect or receive payment for any fines; that was a duty solely of the Clerk of Court during Court or during business hours of the Clerk of Court's office.

(j) Chief Deputy Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit (based in Lancaster County, S.C.) (January 2015 to present). I assist the Chief Circuit Solicitor in the

administration of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, including direct supervision of attorneys employed as Assistant Solicitors and all office staff in our Lancaster County office. I represent the State of South Carolina in regard to the prosecution of persons charged with criminal violations in Circuit Court. As such, I have complete responsibility for the assessment of cases for plea negotiations, preparation and trial of all assigned cases, which include charges for Murder, Attempted Murder, Armed Robbery, Burglary, Kidnapping, Homicide by Child Abuse, and similar violent crimes. I assist the Chief Circuit Solicitor in all aspects of office administration including decisions regarding personnel assignments, personnel hiring, education and training, and some office financial decisions. However, I am not involved with the actual financial management of this office.

(c) Description of General Character of my practice of law throughout my career:

(a) Civil Practice primarily in S.C. Circuit Court – Insurance Defense private law firm (August 1986 – May 1988).

(b) Family Court – Represented the rights of children in the S.C. Foster Care System in Family Courts throughout S.C. (May 1988 – February 1991).

(c) Civil “Non-Jury”/Common Pleas Circuit Court Hearings and Appeals from these Actions to the S.C. Supreme Court (February 1991 – April 1993) - Represented the State of South Carolina as an Assistant Attorney General in civil court (Circuit Court) and in appeals to the S.C. Supreme Court regard Post-Conviction Relief actions filed by criminal defendants against the State. A Post-Conviction Relief action is a collateral attack on a conviction by a criminal defendant which is a type of “hybrid” action – the legal action is a civil action held in civil non-jury hearings in the Circuit Court. However, the subject matter of the action deals with criminal matters, generally the sufficiency of legal counsel for the defendant in his jury trial or guilty plea hearing and/or his direct appeal of his conviction and/or sentence.

(d) Criminal Law (Prosecution) in Circuit Court – Represented the State of South Carolina in prosecution of criminal cases as an Assistant Solicitor/Assistant Deputy Solicitor. (April 1993 – March 1998)

(e) Criminal Law (Defense) in Circuit Court – As Deputy Public Defender in York County, S.C., I represented hundreds of indigent criminal defendants in Circuit Court on felony charges as appointed by the Court and assigned by the Chief Public Defender. (March 1998 - December 2001)

(f) Part-time Assistant Municipal Court Judge for Rock Hill Municipal Court, presiding over criminal cases or ordinance violations as assigned by Chief Municipal Judge. (April 2002 to July 2002)

(g) Criminal Law (Prosecution) in Circuit Court – Represented the State of South Carolina in prosecution of criminal cases as an Assistant Solicitor. (July 2002 – June 2013)

(h) Chief Municipal Court Judge for Fort Mill Municipal Court. I presided over criminal cases within the jurisdiction of the Fort Mill Municipal Court. (December 2013 – December 2014)

(i) Criminal Law (Prosecution) in Circuit Court – I currently represent the State of South Carolina in prosecution of criminal cases as Chief Deputy Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit (based in Lancaster County). (January 2015 to present date)

15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, this question is inapplicable):

- (a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Family Court Judge within the past five years.
- N/A

- (b) If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience in criminal matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Further, please provide a brief written description of your experience in civil matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the types of matters handled, issues involved, and procedural history. Please include information such as the primary areas in civil court in which you practice, whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants, or both. You may go back further than five years if you feel it would assist the Commission with its assessment of your experience. If you lack experience in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court Judge, or how you would compensate for your lack of experience in this area. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.

Answer: The majority of my legal career has been in the field of criminal law. I have served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of South Carolina (1991-1993), an Assistant Solicitor and an Assistant Deputy Solicitor for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit (1993-1998), a Deputy Public Defender for the York County Public Defender's Office (1998-2001), an Assistant Solicitor for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit (2002-2013), and Chief Deputy Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit (2015 until the present: July 2017). For the past five years, I have handled hundreds of cases as a prosecutor. Although many have resulted in guilty pleas, I have also served as the prosecutor during numerous jury trials for the past five years. Some of my last trials in York County, from which I retired as a prosecutor in June of 2013, included charges of Kidnapping, Attempted Murder, and Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor. During the sixteen years I served as a prosecutor in York County, I served as co-counsel on at least four murder trials. I also served as co-counsel with the Chief Solicitor for one murder trial in Union, S.C. I have served as co-counsel with the Chief Solicitor in a trial in which the Defendant was charged with Homicide by Child Abuse. In addition, I assisted the Chief Solicitor with legal research, preparation of briefs and witness preparation in several death penalty cases. I am certified to be lead counsel in a death penalty case. As a prosecutor, I have served as

trial counsel in well over 100 trials involving charges such as Attempted Murder/Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill, Kidnapping, Criminal Sexual Conduct (adult victim), Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Lewd Act upon a Child, Peeping Tom, Distribution of Crack Cocaine, Burglary, First Degree, Burglary, Second Degree, Armed Robbery, Stalking, Intimidation of a Witness and Criminal Domestic Violence. I have prosecuted two jury trials "back-to-back" in one week of court on at least one occasion.

From March of 1998 through December of 2001, I served as the Deputy Public Defender for York County. During my years in this position, I served as sole counsel and co-counsel in many trials, often with successful results for my clients. These trials in Circuit Court (General Sessions) involved charges for Attempted Murder/Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill, Kidnapping, Armed Robbery, Burglary, Criminal Sexual Conduct (adult victims), Lewd Act upon a Child, Distribution of Crack Cocaine, Possession with Intent to Distribute Crack Cocaine, and Driving under the Influence, Second or Subsequent Offense. I assisted the Chief Public Defender and other appointed counsel in representing a Defendant in one death penalty case. Issues in these cases included challenging: the admissibility of confessions, pre-trial identifications, evidence from search warrants, and improper enhancement of drug charges from prior convictions. During these four years, I usually had at least one trial during each term of court, often having to be prepared for more than one trial each term. I have defended two trials "back-to-back" in one week of court on at least one occasion, prevailing in both trials. I am proud to say that during my years defending criminal clients who were not able to pay for private legal representation, I worked diligently to provide them with the best legal defense possible and I fought to protect their constitutional rights as citizens of our State.

Since January of 2015, as Chief Deputy Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, I have served as co-counsel with the Chief Solicitor in two murder trials. I have served as lead counsel on two other murder trials with younger attorneys in my office. I have prepared several other murder cases for trial which culminated in guilty pleas and lengthy sentences for the Defendant. I have also served as trial counsel for cases in which the Defendant was charged with Attempted Murder of a Police Officer, Unlawful Conduct toward a Child (Physical Abuse), Trafficking in Crack Cocaine, Trafficking in Powder Cocaine, Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, and Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Violent Crime. These cases involved issues including Fifth Amendment issues/the voluntariness of, and admissibility of, confessions, pre-trial identification issues, Fourth Amendment search and seizure issues, competency of a Defendant to stand trial, criminal responsibility of a Defendant based upon mental health issues at the time of the crime, expert witness testimony regarding DNA analysis and other forensic analysis, expert witness testimony regarding cause of death/autopsy issues and medical expert testimony regarding causation of physical harm to the victim. I have personally moved over 15 Murder cases and one Homicide by Child Abuse case since January of 2015. I have assisted my Chief Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit in moving additional Murder cases and an additional Homicide by Child Abuse case. I have supervised younger attorneys during their prosecution at trial of charges including Kidnapping, Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature, Financial

Transaction Card Fraud, Fraud upon a Federally Insured Banking Institution, Contraband (Weapons) possessed by a Prisoner, and Grand Larceny. I believe that it is important for a senior attorney to constantly be present in the courtroom when younger attorneys are in trial, both to provide guidance and assistance to these attorneys as needed but also so that I do not limit my current trial experiences to Murder cases. For example, in supervising a trial recently that involved a charge of Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature, I was able to provide assistance to the younger prosecutors but I also gained experience on the complicated nuances of the recently revised criminal statute on Domestic Violence.

As for experience in civil court, upon graduation from law school in 1986 until May of 1988, I worked as an Associate Attorney for a private law firm specializing in insurance defense. As such, I appeared several times before Circuit Court Judges, handling motion hearings such as motions for summary judgement as well as serving as private counsel for parties in at least two jury trials. I was sole counsel in one jury trial (an insurance defense action involving a car accident/personal injury suit) before a Circuit Court Judge and I was co-counsel for a products liability jury trial before a Circuit Court Judge. At the request of a senior partner, I served as sole counsel for a plaintiff in a tort action in a magistrate court jury trial. I assisted the senior partners with legal research and prepared responses to Interrogatories and responded to other discovery issues. I served as counsel in several depositions and interviewed/prepared witnesses for depositions and trials. I appeared before a Master-in-Equity for collection actions and enforcement of civil judgements.

Moreover, from 1991 to 1993 I handled countless Post-Conviction Relief (PCR) actions in Circuit Court throughout the State of South Carolina. This is a civil action which is held in civil court/Court of Common Pleas, although the subject matter of the action involves criminal matters such as the sufficiency of the representation of a criminal defendant by his trial counsel and/or his appellate counsel. During this time, I appeared daily when PCR court was held in my assigned judicial circuits. During the PCR hearing, I appeared before a Circuit Court Judge for a non-jury hearing in which I presented witnesses for the State and cross-examined witnesses for the PCR applicant. I presented legal arguments to the Circuit Court Judge based upon legal research on a variety of issues such as evidentiary errors in trial and the sufficiency of trial counsel and/or appellate counsel in objecting to such errors, the admissibility of confessions, the knowing and intelligent waiver of rights by a Defendant in entering his guilty plea, sufficient challenges to search and seizure violations or pretrial identification of a suspect by a witness. I also handled the appeals of all of the PCR actions I handled in the lower court, which involved additional legal research, the preparation of briefs for the appellate court, and the presentation of oral arguments to the South Carolina Supreme Court on two occasions. In 1993, I served as co-counsel on a civil forfeiture jury trial before a Circuit Court Judge in Union, S.C. This involved the seizure of a house being used as a place to sell drugs. We prevailed in getting a jury verdict for the State, resulting in the civil forfeiture of this property.

Although the majority of my legal career has been in the field of criminal law, both as a prosecutor as well as defense counsel, I believe that the years I spent in civil practice, both in insurance defense cases as well as PCR cases, helped solidify

my education in this area in law school. I am familiar with discovery practice and the requirements thereof in civil procedure, and I am familiar with the requirements of evidentiary rules, summary judgement motions, and trial practice procedures for civil trials. I was honored to receive the American Jurisprudence Award for Civil Procedure while in law school. As a Circuit Court Judge I will continue to study the requirements of civil practice as set forth by our appellate courts to ensure that I am able to preside over civil matters with the highest level of competency which is without question deserved by the parties in those actions.

As for frequency of appearances before a Circuit Court Judge during the past five years, as Chief Deputy Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, I have appeared before a Circuit Court Judge almost daily when General Sessions Court is in session in Lancaster County, S.C., from January 2015 until the present (July 2017). As an Assistant Solicitor in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit (York County), I appeared very frequently (3 to 5 times a week) when General Sessions Court was in session in York County, S.C. from July 2012 until June of 2013. During July of 2013 through November of 2013, I spent time with my family after my retirement from the York County Solicitor's Office until I became Chief Municipal Judge in Fort Mill, S.C. Thus, I did not appear before any Circuit Court Judges during this time period. From December of 2013 through December of 2014, I served as Chief Municipal Judge for Fort Mill, S.C. and therefore I did not appear before any Circuit Court Judges during this time period. During my legal career over the past thirty years, I have made almost daily appearances before Circuit Court Judges when court was in session in my assigned circuits: while I was an Assistant Attorney General in the PCR division (1991 to 1993) (assigned circuits: Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Ninth Judicial Circuit, and briefly also the Second Judicial Circuit and the Sixth Judicial Circuit), while I was an Assistant Solicitor/Assistant Deputy Solicitor for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit (1993 to 1998), while I was a Deputy Public Defender for York County (1998 to December 2001), while I was an Assistant Solicitor for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit (July 2002 to June 2013), and in serving as Chief Deputy Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit (Lancaster County) (January 2015 to present: July 2017).

- (c) If you are a candidate for Master-In-Equity, please provide a brief written description of your experience in the Master's court, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Please include the frequency of your appearances before a Master-In-Equity or a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.

N/A

- (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law or Circuit Court within the past five years.

N/A

16. What is your rating or membership status, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, Million Dollar Advocates Forum, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

To the best of my knowledge, I am not listed in any of these publications under my current name Lisa G. Collins. I did not know I was listed in Martindale-Hubbell under my former name Lisa G. Jefferson until I checked that website to answer this question. I do not have a rating. As a prosecutor, I do not believe that it is appropriate for me to be included in this publication and I will take steps to have my name removed.

*** Justices/judges applying for re-election to their current position may omit Questions 17–22. If you are a judge seeking a judgeship different than your current position, Questions 17-22 should be answered based on your experience prior to serving on the bench.**

17. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?
- (a) federal: 0%
 - (b) state: 100%
18. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench?
- (a) civil: 0%
 - (b) criminal: 100%
 - (c) domestic: 0%
 - (d) other: 0%
19. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years or in the five years prior to your election to the bench involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?
- (a) jury: 10%
 - (b) non-jury: 90%

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters?

Answer: I most often served as chief counsel or co-counsel. During my career, I have served as sole counsel in many jury trials. However, for the past 5 years I have served as chief counsel or co-counsel.

20. List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in either trial or appellate court or before a state or federal agency. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant.
- (a) State v. William Cabe. This trial involved numerous allegations of sexual assault by a local preacher on several young boys who resided in a children's home for delinquent children run by Rev. Cabe. I prosecuted this case by myself against a seasoned and talented defense attorney. The trial lasted an entire week. The case was significant due to the number

of alleged victims (seven), the resulting split in the church and issues related thereto, the fact that the juvenile victims had troubled backgrounds which placed in question their credibility, and the emotional nature of the allegations.

(b) State v. Ricky Kendricks. This trial involved allegations of Criminal Sexual Conduct, Kidnapping, Burglary and two counts of Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill. The alleged victims were a mother and her seven-year-old daughter. I served as co-counsel to defend this case. This trial was significant due to the nature of the charges, defending the accused on allegations of harming a mother and her child in a violent, prolonged attack, and due to the emotional nature of the allegations. We were successful in obtaining a “not guilty” verdict on the Criminal Sexual Conduct charge and a “hung jury” on the Burglary charge (which was later dismissed). We obtained a verdict of a lesser-included offense of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature on one of the charges for Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill. I cross-examined the mother who still had visible scars from the attack. This cross-examination required skill and tact in challenging the testimony of an alleged victim of sexual assault and stabbing in a way which would not alienate the jury but engage the jury in questioning the version of the case presented by the State.

(c) State v. William L. Ward. This was a murder trial which involved issues of self-defense. I served as co-counsel in prosecuting this case. The victim, the father of a “runaway” daughter, had a long-standing dispute with the defendant and his family. The defendant was a young man who asserted that he was protecting the victim’s daughter, as well as his own family, from the victim, who came to the young man’s home seeking his daughter. This case was significant due to the nature of the offense and the issues involved.

(d) State v. John Ghent. This was a murder trial involving the murder of a wife by her husband during a domestic dispute regarding her relationship with another man. I served as co-counsel in prosecuting this case. This case was significant in that it highlighted the dangers of relationships which involve domestic violence, in this case resulting in the violent murder of the victim by her husband, the defendant. This was a very emotional case in which family members discovered the body of the victim and confronted the defendant at the scene. Dealing with these family members in preparation for their testimony in addition to throughout the case required the highest level of sensitivity and compassion, in that the family members were related not only to the murder victim, their mother, but also to the defendant, their father.

(e) State v. Terry Catoe. This was a murder trial involving the murder of a citizen during a sexual act which began as consensual but changed to a violent anal rape during which the victim was choked to death. I served as co-counsel in prosecuting this case. This case was significant due to the issues involved in the case, which included that the sexual assault began as a consensual act by a victim who at times supported herself through prostitution. The defendant asserted that the death of the victim by choking was an accident during the consensual act. We succeeded in establishing that the act was a violent murder with malice aforethought. This case was significant in that we were able to prosecute a case successfully in a way that this victim, as all victims, deserve: obtaining justice and preserving their dignity, even in death under these circumstances.

21. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported.

Answer: I have not handled any purely “civil” or purely “criminal” appeals. However, I have handled approximately twenty-three appeals from post-conviction relief matters, which are civil actions concerning criminal issues from a post-conviction perspective. At that time, all of the P.C.R. appeals were handled in the S.C. Supreme Court. These include:

- (a) Baughman v. State, 311 S.C. 547, 430 S.E.2d 505 (1993)
- (b) Tate v. State, 308 S.C. 163, 417 S.E.2d 553 (1992)
- (c) Sims v. State, 313 S.C. 420, 438 S.E.2d 253 (1993)
- (d) Underwood v. State, 309 S.C. 560, 425 S.E.2d 20 (1992)
- (e) Wilson v. State, 315 S.C. 158, 432 S.E.2d 477 (1993)

22. List up to five criminal appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported.

Answer: As stated in my answer to Question 21, I have not handled any purely “civil” or purely “criminal” appeals. However, I have handled approximately twenty-three appeals from post-conviction relief matters, which are civil actions concerning criminal issues from a post-conviction perspective. I have listed five of these appeals in my answer to Question 21.

23. Have you ever held judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the courts involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Describe the jurisdiction of each of the courts and note any limitations on the jurisdiction of each court.

(a) From April to June of 2002, I served as an Assistant Municipal Judge for the Rock Hill Municipal Court in Rock Hill, South Carolina. I was appointed by the City Council for Rock Hill. I served for these months as a part-time Judge while I stayed at home with my baby daughter. I resigned this position when I returned to the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in York County in July of 2002 to prosecute criminal cases in the York County Court of General Sessions. The Rock Hill Municipal Court has jurisdiction over criminal matters which occur within the city limits of Rock Hill, South Carolina and which have a potential penalty of up to 30 days in jail and/or a fine up to Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars. I presided over jury trials, bench trials, guilty plea hearings and nuisance/ordinance violation hearings as assigned by the Chief Municipal Judge.

(b) From December 2013 through December 2014, I served as Chief Municipal Judge for the Fort Mill Municipal Court in Fort Mill, South Carolina. I was appointed by the City Council for Fort Mill. I resigned this position in December of 2014. The Fort Mill Municipal Court has jurisdiction over criminal charges which occur within the city limits of Fort Mill, South Carolina and which have a potential penalty of up to 30 days in jail and/or a fine up to Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars. The Fort Mill Municipal Court also has jurisdiction over violations of Fort Mill municipal ordinances which occur within the city limits of Fort Mill, S.C. As Chief Municipal Judge, I presided over jury trials as scheduled, bench trials, guilty plea hearings, motion hearings, nuisance/ordinance violation hearings and bond hearings.

24. If the answer to question 23 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.

- (a) No parties appealed any of my rulings while I served as Municipal Judge for either the City of Rock Hill or the City of Fort Mill.
 - (b) I did not issue written orders or opinions during my service as Municipal Judge in either the City of Rock Hill or the City of Fort Mill.
 - (c) Although I believe that my decisions were significant to the parties before me during my service as Municipal Judge in Rock Hill and Fort Mill, I do not believe that the decisions I made were significant in regard to setting legal precedent. I followed prior legal precedent set by the S.C. Supreme Court and the S.C. Court of Appeals to enforce the S.C. Code of Laws in making my rulings, and there were no appeals of my rulings. Therefore, none of my cases created any new legal precedent and were not significant in the “legal sense” of that term.
25. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty? If so, give details, including dates.
 Answer: I have never held public office other than serving as Municipal Judge as stated hereinabove.
26. List all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor.
- (a) I did not have any other employment while serving as a Part-time Municipal Judge for Rock Hill, South Carolina in 2002.
 - (b) I did not have any other employment while serving as Chief Municipal Judge for Fort Mill, South Carolina from December 2013 through December 2014.
27. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, give details, including dates.
- (a) In the spring of 2000, I was a candidate for the position of South Carolina Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat # 3. I was found qualified and nominated by the Commission as one of the three candidates to be considered for this Seat by the Legislature, along with Clifton Newman and Edward “Ned” Miller. I withdrew from the race prior to the election date. The Honorable Clifton Newman was elected to this judicial seat.
 - (b) Also in the spring of 2000, I was a candidate for a United States Magistrate Position - Greenville. I was honored to be named as one of five finalists for this position. However, I was not selected for this position.
 - (c) I applied as a candidate for the position of United States Magistrate – Florence in 2009. I was not selected for this position.

28. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office? If so, give details, including a description of your occupation, business, or profession, the dates of your employment, and the name of your business or employer.

Answer: I have worked since I was sixteen years old so that I could pay for my college education and my law school education. Prior to becoming an attorney, I was employed as follows:

- (a) Cashier/Clerk, "KolorQuick" Camera Store, Lake City, S.C. (1978-1979);
- (b) Lobby Receptionist, Carnegie Dormitory, Erskine College (work scholarship) (1979-1980);
- (c) Cashier/Clerk, Fast Fare Convenience Store, Lake City, S.C. (summer 1980);
- (d) Telephone Receptionist, Belk Hall, Erskine College (work scholarship) (1980-1981);
- (e) Cashier, A&P Grocery Store, Lake City, S.C. (summer 1981);
- (f) Residential Assistant, Carnegie Dormitory, Erskine College (work scholarship) (1981-1982, 1982-1983);
- (g) Camp Counselor, Camp Fellowship (summer 1982);
- (h) Waitress/Dining Hall Hostess, Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, N.C. (summer, 1983);
- (i) Waitress, Fishermen Four Restaurant, St. Andrews Road, Columbia, S.C. (spring 1984-spring 1985);
- (j) Waitress, The Hungry Fisherman Restaurant, Lexington, S.C. (summer 1985 – fall 1985);
- (k) Law Clerk for the State Board of Medical Examiners, Columbia, S.C. (May 1984 – April 1986);
- (l) After retiring from the Solicitor's Office for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in 2013, while awaiting the opening of a position for Chief Municipal Judge of Fort Mill, I was a part-time substitute teacher at St. John's Methodist Church pre-school in Rock Hill, S.C. This was the pre-school that my daughter attended many years ago, and I thoroughly enjoyed spending a few months helping with the children who were students there in the fall of 2013.

29. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.

Answer: No.

30. Please explain why you think you meet the professional and academic ability criteria for the seat you seek.

Answer: I come from a family of teachers: my grandmother was an elementary school teacher in South Carolina for thirty-three years. Two of my sisters and my brother have served as teachers during their careers. Several of my aunts were teachers. My uncle was the principal of Kingstree High School for many years, and my aunt was the librarian for the school. I believe that the love of learning and respect for education was instilled in me as a child by my family. I grew up on a farm in the country near Lake City, South Carolina. My siblings and I missed school during the summer and we were always eager to return to school each year. I have graduated at or near the top of my class for every school I have attended. I was the Valedictorian at Lake City High School in 1979, even though I finished

high school at an accelerated pace, skipping my junior year and graduating in three years. I was honored and thankful to receive several academic scholarships to attend college. I graduated summa cum laude and fourth in my class at Erskine College. I was again honored to receive several academic scholarships to attend law school. As a law student, I was a member of two academic honor groups: the Order of the Coif and The Wig and Robe. I was selected to serve on the Law Review for the University of South Carolina School of Law, helping to research and write articles for the Law Review as a contributing student author. I was also selected to serve as a competitor in Moot Court, representing the Law School as a member of the Craven Moot Court team. I received the American Jurisprudence Award for Civil Procedure while I was in Law School. I graduated fifteenth in my class at the University of South Carolina School of Law. I was able to maintain a high grade point average despite working several jobs to pay for the costs of college and law school which were not covered by my academic scholarships. Since graduating law school, I have gained a wide variety of legal experience for over thirty years. I have made numerous presentations at Continuing Legal Education Seminars during my career. I have taught training classes in the law to law enforcement officers, covering issues such as statutory law, case law, criminal procedure, trial preparation and the critically important topic of ethics in law enforcement. During my legal career, I have worked very hard, always respecting the clients and agencies I serve and showing that respect by coming to court fully prepared and fully informed, both on the facts of the case as well as the applicable law. I have performed in-depth legal research on cases throughout my career, both in civil cases for a private law firm and also in prosecuting and defending criminal cases. I have written hundreds of legal briefs throughout my career, for both the Circuit Court as well as the South Carolina Supreme Court. Such preparation requires hours of dedicated research, often late into the night and over the weekend. Like my father, who was a farmer, and my mother, a nurse, I know that hard work is not limited to a set number of hours in the day. The citizens of South Carolina deserve public servants who understand that their commitment to public service is not limited to a certain number of hours each day. I understand that such service requires a full commitment on the part of a presiding Judge to come to court every day fully prepared to deal with the cases before him or her, showing respect to all parties and the attorneys who represent the parties, as well as to court staff and witnesses and law enforcement officers who appear before the court. For all of these reasons, I believe that I possess the professional and the academic ability to serve as Circuit Court Judge.

31. Provide, **as a separate attachment**, a complete, current financial net worth statement that itemizes in detail:
- (a) the identity and value of all financial assets held, directly or indirectly, including, but not limited to, bank accounts, real estate, securities, trusts, investments, and other financial holdings; and
 - (b) the identity and amount of each liability owed, directly or indirectly, which is in excess of \$1,000, including, but not limited to, debts, mortgages, loans, and other financial obligations.

(A net worth statement is provided with this questionnaire and you must use this format for submission of your financial statement.)

NOTE: The Commission may require written confirmation that financial obligations have been satisfied or that the parties have agreed upon a payment schedule.

Answer: A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.

32. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek or currently hold. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest.

Answer: In the past I owned a home in Irmo, South Carolina, which I leased to others. However, I sold this home in 2003 and I no longer have a business relationship with any former tenants or others who leased the home from me. If any of those parties appeared before me, I would make all parties aware of my prior business relationship with those parties and, upon request, recuse myself from presiding over cases involving those parties.

33. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law? If so, give details but do not include traffic violations which are subject to a penalty of \$125 or less. You must include any and all arrests, including, but not limited to, offenses for driving under the influence or similar traffic offenses. Include all arrests that resulted in expungement, which will be redacted. If you have questions regarding whether to include an offense, please contact the Commission.

[All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]

34. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If yes, explain.

[All answers have been received and considered by the Commission, and as noted above, any expunged matters are redacted from the record.]

35. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, give details.

(a) No. A tax lien or other collection procedure has never been instituted against me by any authority.

(b) No. I have never defaulted on a student loan.

(c) No. I have never filed for bankruptcy.

36. Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been a named party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to, dates, and resolutions.

(a) No, I have never been sued by a client.

(b) I was a plaintiff in a civil lawsuit when my mortgage company failed to timely file my satisfaction of the mortgage when I sold my home in Irmo, S.C. I was represented by attorney James W. "Jim" Boyd of Rock Hill, S.C. The case was Lisa G. Collins, Plaintiff

vs. Suntrust Mortgage Inc., case number 2004-CP46-00294 and was filed in the York County Court of Common Pleas on February 4, 2004. This case was closed April 6, 2004. We settled this lawsuit to my satisfaction.

(c) While I was an Assistant Attorney General assigned to Post-Conviction Relief cases, Albert Charles Burgess, Jr., an inmate at the South Carolina Department of Corrections, brought a pro se suit against me and numerous other officials. The case was Albert C. Burgess, Jr. vs. John Justice et al., case number 1993-CP40-00965 and was filed in the Richland County Court of Common Pleas on March 10, 1993. The Circuit Court for Richland County dismissed the action on April 14, 1993. The United States District Court for the District of South Carolina subsequently dismissed a related case against all parties including me on May 18, 1994.

(d) I was the Defendant in a divorce action in the Richland County Family Court in 1992. The case was Paul Manning Jefferson vs. Lisa Godwin Jefferson. The case number was 186780. The basis for the divorce was One Year Continuous Separation. The judgment in favor of Paul Manning Jefferson granting the divorce was filed on December 9, 1992.

(e) I have never been a named party in any criminal proceedings.

37. Have you ever, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, been sanctioned or disciplined for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or has any jurisdiction found that you committed any misconduct? If so, give the details and describe any final disposition. Include any and all confidential and public sanction, discipline, or finding of misconduct of any kind.

[Yes and no responses are redacted for all candidates unless there is a public discipline.]

38. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? If so, give the details.

(a) No, I have never been investigated by the Department of Social Services.

(b) My name has never been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect.

39. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? If so, please explain when you were covered by a tail policy. Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy.

(a) I am not in private practice.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

40. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.? If so, how would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity?

Answer: I am not active on social media. I am not a member of a social media or Internet site. To my knowledge, I have not been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet

site for other people. I briefly had a Facebook account after I had my child, for a few months in approximately 2013, to share pictures with my friends. I was not comfortable with it and I closed the account. I had a Twitter account at one time as I mistakenly thought I had to have an account in order to access the Twitter information regarding my child's school when she was in middle school. I no longer use any social media and I will not use such sites if I serve in a judicial capacity.

41. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.

Answer: I am not currently employed as a "lobbyist" nor have I ever been employed as a "lobbyist". I have never acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal".

42. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved.

Answer: No, I have not accepted anything at all from any lobbyist or lobbyist's principal during my lifetime to my knowledge. Therefore, since filing with the Commission my letter of intent to run for judicial office, I have not accepted anything at all, including lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal.

43. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?

Answer: I have not spent any funds at all since filing my intent to run for Circuit Court Judge, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1. No one has spent any funds on my behalf in furtherance of my candidacy.

44. List the recipient and amount of all contributions made by you, a member of your immediate family, or by a business with whom you are associated, to members of the General Assembly within the past four years.

Answer: Neither I nor my husband have made any contributions to members of the General Assembly within the past four years.

45. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? If so, give details.

Note: The flash drive with your application materials contains (1) Section 2-19-70(c); (2) JMSC Rule 24, and (3) informal opinions and letters concerning pledging prohibitions, with which third parties acting on your behalf, as well as you, must comply.

Answer: No, I have not directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly. I have not been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator. No, I have not received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly for my election.

46. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative.

Answer: No, I have not requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on my behalf. I have not asked any individuals to campaign on my behalf and I am not aware of any individuals who have campaigned for me on their own initiative. To date, since filing my letter of intent and requesting the application packet to run for this Judicial Seat, I have not done any campaigning.

47. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges until after the draft report becomes final, which occurs on the day and time specified on the Commission's published screening schedule?

Answer: Yes, I am familiar with the 48-hour rule and the requirements thereof.

48. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation.

Answer: No, I have not solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of my candidacy. No one acting on my behalf has solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of my candidacy.

49. Since submitting your letter of intent to become a candidate, have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? If so, give details.

Answer: No, I have had no contact with any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about my candidacy or my intention to become a candidate. No one acting on my behalf has contacted any member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about my candidacy or intention to become a candidate.

50. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.

(a) South Carolina Bar Association (1986 to present)

(b) Lancaster County Bar Association (2015 to present)

(c) I was the Treasurer for the York County Bar Association in 2000.

(d) Member, S.C. Law Enforcement Officers Association (SCLEOA) (2015 to present).

51. List all civic, charitable, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five years and include any offices held in such a group, any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.

(a) I have not been a member of any of these types of organizations during the past five years. However, I was a member of the Rock Hill "JayCees" (U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce) from May 1993 to May 1994. I was also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Rock Hill from September 1995 to September 1996. I was an attorney coach for the Rock Hill High School Mock Trial Team from 1995 to 1999.

(b) As a senior at Erskine College, I was awarded the H.M. Young Ring, which is the highest award available to members of the Senior Class. I was also named to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. I was the recipient of the Bride Deaton Philosophy Award, the Dr. M. Burton Brown Psychology Award, and the Edgar Long English Award. I was a member of the Garnet Circle Academic Honor Society and the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. I was named as the Student Representative on the Presidential Appeals Council (1982-1983), which is the highest level appeals council for student disciplinary actions.

(c) I am certified to serve as lead counsel in a death penalty case.

52. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek. This information may include how your life experiences have affected or influenced the kind or type of judge you have been or plan to be.

Answer: After representing the State of South Carolina, both as an Assistant Attorney General and as Assistant Deputy Solicitor for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit for over seven years, I "switched sides" and became the Deputy Public Defender for York County, representing indigent persons who are charged with criminal offenses. I served in this position for almost four years. It was an invaluable experience which taught me to treat all persons with dignity and compassion and to consider mitigating factors in each case. Although I subsequently returned to prosecution, both in York County for eleven additional years and currently as Chief Deputy Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, I have never forgotten the lessons I learned during my service in the Public Defender's Office. No matter which side I represent, I have always been sincerely committed to providing quality legal representation in each and every case, despite high case volume in all of these positions. I believe that all persons appearing in court deserve to have the total commitment of the attorney representing their position, and that the attorney must also be committed to the highest ethical standards and ideals. I believe that my service to the citizens of South Carolina, both victims as well as defendants, has reflected my commitment to equal justice under the law.

During my career, I have practiced civil law in the area of insurance defense for a private law firm. I have practiced criminal law, both in circuit court as well as before the South Carolina Supreme Court in Post-Conviction Relief appeals. I have defended collateral

attacks on criminal convictions in Post-Conviction Relief actions. I have served as a municipal judge, presiding over criminal matters in the jurisdiction of municipal court. My time on the bench was instructive on the need for patience at all times and invaluable in acquiring the ability to maintain an excellent judicial temperament at all times.

During my years prosecuting and defending criminal cases, I have appeared almost daily in criminal court (Circuit Court/General Sessions) when court is in session in my county. I often handle several matters before the Court each day. I have prosecuted and defended criminal trials, both as sole counsel and as chief counsel or co-counsel. I have often had to be prepared for two to three felony trials per court week, and I have actually tried two felony trials "back-to-back" on more than one occasion with successful results in all of the trials. In addition to trials, I have represented the State and criminal defendants at many motion hearings, preliminary (probable cause) hearings, bond hearings and countless guilty plea hearings.

In addition to my legal education and my broad background in the practice of law, I believe that I have the necessary demeanor which is suited to judicial office, which is a product of my life experience as well as my education and legal experience. My father, a farmer, died which I was nine years old; my five siblings and I were raised by my mother while she also went to nursing school to support our family. I witnessed first-hand the struggles and triumphs of a single mother raising a family. I was blessed to have two wonderful parents who valued education and integrity and taught me the importance of being diligent, honest and compassionate. I have worked since I was sixteen years old, and I paid my way through college and law school by working several jobs, in addition to college work scholarships, academic scholarships and other financial aid for which I was extremely appreciative. During my years in school and throughout my career, I have been complimented by many colleagues who have kindly remarked upon my integrity and work ethic, in addition to my legal abilities both during jury trials as well as complicated motion hearings. Both as a prosecutor and as defense counsel, I have earned a reputation of always being fair and fully prepared in every case. In that almost all of the criminal cases which I have handled have involved extremely emotional fact patterns, I have learned to remain calm and attentive during emotional and potentially disruptive situations. I have also learned the importance of maintaining a professional demeanor in all situations, both in and out of the courtroom. While I often have to communicate unpleasant news in the realities of criminal practice, I have learned to do so tactfully and patiently but firmly and clearly. I have worked over 28 years in public service as an attorney representing various state agencies as well as victims and defendants in criminal cases, in addition to serving as a municipal court judge. I would be honored to serve the citizens of South Carolina as a Circuit Court Judge, and if elected, I would continue to strive to maintain the highest standards of diligent work, detailed preparation, and, most importantly, unquestionable ethics and integrity. I believe that the citizens of South Carolina deserve no less.

53. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons from whom you are providing references. Also, provide the Commission with original letters of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature (preferably in blue ink). **The Commission will not accept a photocopy or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation and failure to include all five (5) original letters of recommendation in your packet when you submit it will render your packet**

incomplete. Please **do not** have references mail your reference letters to the Commission directly. *You must return the five (5) original letters of recommendation to the Commission with your application packet.*

- (a) Randy E. Newman, Jr., Circuit Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of S.C.
Address: P.O. Box 607, 104 North Main Street, Lancaster, S.C. 29721
Telephone: (803) 416-9336
- (b) Barry Faile, Sheriff, Lancaster County, S.C.
Address: P.O. Box 908, 1520 Pageland Highway, Lancaster, S.C. 29721
Telephone: (803) 283-3388
- (c) Sabrina Gast, Coroner, York County, S.C.
Address: 933 Heckle Blvd., Suite 103, Rock Hill, S.C. 29732
Telephone: (803) 909-8400
- (d) Harry A. Dest, Circuit Public Defender, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, and Chairman of the S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense
Address: Moss Justice Center, 1675-1E York Highway, York, S.C. 29745
Telephone: (803) 628-3033 (direct line)
- (e) James W. "Jim" Boyd, Attorney at Law
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54. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
- (a) in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.
- Answers:
- (a) None.
 - (b) None.
 - (c) None.

List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:

- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

Answers:

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

55. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement.

- (a) None.
- (b) Not applicable.

56. For sitting judges, if you currently hold an interest in stock or other securities or have held such an interest, list each stock you currently own or owned during the prior calendar year. If you prefer, you may attach broker or account records containing the requested information instead of listing it here.

Answer: Not applicable.

57. For sitting judges, have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? If so, please give the details, including the name of the attorney or litigant and the thing of value you received.

Answer: Not applicable.

58. For sitting judges, have you used the services of your staff, for which you did not pay, while campaigning for this office?

Answer: Not applicable.

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE
CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR
ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF
MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: _____

Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 2017.

(Notary Signature)

(Notary Printed Name)
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: _____